

Bloomington MAC Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Lynda Gonzalez	Betty Gosney	Mike Koss	Adrian McDaniel
Juanita Ruiz	Eric Scott	Gregory Ware	

Minutes:

Council Member Koss moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Council Member Ware seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Special Presentation: None

STAFF REPORTS

Department of Public Works – Jacob Babico

Public Works has begun the process of planning and designing improvements to the I-10 and Cedar Ave. interchange. The Cedar Ave. and I-10 interchange experiences the highest volume of traffic within the County of San Bernardino's unincorporated areas. The project is designed to realign the streets and expand the total number of lanes to relieve the high volume of traffic. The project will include improvements along Cedar Ave. extending from the intersection at Slover Ave. to the intersection at Valley Blvd. Once completed the improvements will reduce traffic congestion and is projected to sufficiently serve the community for the next 25 years. While the county does not currently have funding for the entire project, it is actively seeking funding sources. Depending on funding, the project completion date is estimated at approximately 10 years.

The second project is the possible signalization at Laurel Ave. and Slover Ave. Public Works is studying the intersection to see if it meets the requirements for signalization.

Field Representative – Amber Tiedgen

The Supervisor is requesting that the MAC review two Community Development Block Grant applications for improvements in the Bloomington area and recommend one of the projects for approval.

Ms. Tiedgen reported that the 5th District MAC Workshop held on March 29th was a success. The Supervisor hosted the event to provide new and current MAC members with useful training on organizing and running effective meetings.

Sheriff's Department – Detective Joe Silva

Det. Silva noted that law enforcement can help reduce the strain of high volume traffic by enforcing traffic laws. The challenge is that CHP is responsible for traffic in Bloomington and their resources are very limited.

The Sheriff's Dept. received approximately 1300 calls for service in the past month for the Bloomington area. All emergency calls should be directed to 911. If someone would like to report a non-emergency call they can contact the dispatch at (909) 387-8313. School related issues can be directed to the School Resource Officer, Deputy Baxter.

Special Districts – Tim Millington

Special Districts is in the process of reevaluating the fee schedule for the various special district sites in Bloomington. The fee schedule is designed to cover at least part of routine use and maintenance costs of the community's facilities. Mr. Millington asked for the MAC's input on how to adjust the fee schedule to best serve the needs of the community. Mr. Millington also noted that while the fee schedule is not new, previous departments did not strictly enforce it.

Members of the public expressed concerns for groups who might not be able to afford the fees.

The MAC asked Mr. Millington if there can be alternative fees for non-profit and/or community groups who wish to use the facilities. Mr. Millington replied that it might be possible to create a sliding scale to reduce costs for groups serving the Bloomington community.

Council Member Ware stated that he did not believe the MAC was given sufficient time to review the fee schedule material or the CDBG applications. He would like the information in advance so that he and his fellow members can make an informed and well thought out decision. Council Member McDaniel also reiterated Council Member Ware's concern.

Ms. Tiedgen suggested that the MAC hold a special meeting in one week's time to discuss the CDBG applications and allow Mr. Millington to revise and report back on the fee schedule

Council Member Koss moved that special districts create levels of fees for various organizations that wish to use community facilities; this would include an exemption for non-profit groups who serve the community.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Gosney and approved by the MAC 4 votes to 1 with Council Member Scott dissenting and Council Members Ware and Gonzalez abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS

Action Items

None

Non-Action Items

None

NEW BUSINESS

Action Items

A. CDBG Applications

The Department of Public Works has submitted two applications for CDBG projects:

1. Intersection reconstruction and installation of gutter and pavement matching at Cedar Ave. and Jurupa Ave.
2. Intersection reconstruction and improvements to curb and gutter at 7th St. and Cedar Ave.

Supervisor Gonzales has asked the MAC to submit a recommendation to accept one of the two projects for approval. Funding for the project will come from the Dept. of Community Development and Housing's CDBG program.

Council Member Scott moved that this item be continued to the special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 7 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ware and all were in favor.

B. Items for Next Meeting

Daren Kettle from SANBAG will give a presentation at the May 2nd MAC meeting.

Brendon Biggs from the Dept. of Public Works will attend the special meeting on April 11th to discuss the CDBG applications and the following meeting on May 2nd to discuss future Public Works projects.

Non-Action Items

Applications for the 2006 Bed Tax Grant are available. The applications are due June 6, 2006. This year's grant disbursements allow for two options: Option 1. Organizations can direct invoice Special Districts or Option 2. Special Districts can reimburse organizations for the purchase of specified items.

Member Reports

Adrian McDaniel

Council Member McDaniel announced that his mother recently passed on April 1, 2006.

Juanita Ruiz

Council Member Ruiz offered her condolences to Council Member McDaniel and thanked everyone who attended the LAFCO meeting on Bloomington incorporation.

Mike Koss

Council Member Koss thanked the community groups who do so much for Bloomington.

Betty Gosney

Council Member Gosney attended the MAC workshop and enjoyed the opportunity to meet the other Municipal Advisory Councils. She also reported that the West Valley Water rates are increasing but still remain lower than most of the other water rates in the area. Residents can attend the next meeting on May 18th at the West Valley Water District building.

Lynda Gonzalez

MAC Chair Gonzalez thanked the other members for their attendance at the MAC workshop. She also thanked Supervisor Gonzales and her staff for their efforts in supporting the community of Bloomington.

Gregory Ware

Council Member Ware offered his condolences to Council Member McDaniel and Chairman Gonzalez.

Eric Scott

Council Member Ware offered his condolences for Council Member McDaniel and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Public Comments

Members of the audience are asked to pick up a request to address the MAC from the Council Secretary. There is a limit of three minutes speaking per request. The following speakers were given time to speak.

Dave Jayne

The San Bernardino Valley Riders have cancelled their April 29th event. Mr. Jayne also encouraged residents to sign and support the Bloomington Incorporation Committee's appeal.

Rito Magallawcz

Mr. Magallawcz would like to know what will happen to the front part of Cedar Ave. and Slover Ave and when is it cleaned. He would also like to see Code Enforcement help enforce clean up around his neighborhood.

Eric Davenport – Bloomington Incorporation Committee

The BIC has submitted their paperwork to circulate a petition in support of incorporation. The BIC must submit 25% of all registered voters, approximately 750 voters, in order to qualify the petition. Mr. Davenport also reiterated that the BIC's feasibility study does demonstrate sufficient funding support for the formation and sustainability of incorporation.

Viola Hopkins – Bloomington Community Boosters

The Community Boosters will host a cleanup on April 22nd at 8:30 a.m. in coroperation with Assemblyman Joe Baca, Jr. For more information contact Dave Soto at 421-1077.

The meeting was adjourned to the special MAC meeting scheduled for April 11, 2006 at 7p.m.

Submitted by: Dan Flores – Bloomington MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565